



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held March 4, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

The Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to approve and authorize the Director of Health Services to execute two letters of agreement accepting \$150,000 each in grant funds from Kaiser Permanente Southern California Region for the Quality Improvement Initiatives at the following County facilities: (Department of Health Services)

Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center (4) for enhancement of the Quality Improvement and Peer Review process, effective upon Board approval through December 1, 2009; and

ValleyCare Olive View-UCLA Medical Center (5) for the Quality Improvement Initiative: Information Systems/Data Warehouse Infrastructure Project, and approve the use of grant funds to obtain the services of a Programmer/Developer Consultant who will be obtained through the Internal Services Department, effective upon Board approval through December 1, 2009.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"In 2007, Kaiser Permanente offered a proposal to provide Quality Improvement grants to the Department of Health Services (DHS). Three facilities applied and Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center has been awarded \$150,000 for Quality Improvement and Peer Review and Valley Care Olive View-UCLA Medical Center has been awarded \$150,000 for Quality Improvement Initiative: Information Systems/Data Warehouse Infrastructure Project. There was no submission to Kaiser Permanente by any DHS facility in South Los Angeles.

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“LA Care solicited proposals and in June of 2007 this Board accepted grant awards in the amount \$6,611,858 for LAC/USC, Harbor-UCLA, Rancho Los Amigos and Olive View. Again, there was no application from any South Los Angeles facility.

“Los Angeles County is fortunate to have partners that are helping with financial assistance to enable us to provide quality health care to our uninsured patients. Unfortunately, while South Los Angeles is one of the areas with the highest number of uninsured patients as well as the sickest patient population, it is being excluded from this benefit. It is clear to me that improved coordination of available grant opportunities by the Departments of Health Services and Public Health is essential in order to avoid missing such opportunities and improving parity.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer's attached recommendation was adopted and the Chief Executive Officer was instructed to take the following actions:

1. Work in conjunction with the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to review the current practices and procedures at the Departments of Health Services and Public Health for identifying and responding to requests for grant proposals (and the like), such as those described herein; and make recommendations for improvements to each Department's policies in order to yield greater parity to help those areas with the highest needs;
2. Develop a tracking system whereby the Board receives written notifications on a quarterly basis of any missed grant opportunities by the Departments of Health Services and Public Health, including any individual facilities; and
3. Report back to the Board within 30 days with findings and recommendations.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor  
Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Director of Health Services  
Director of Public Health